

TITLE**METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A THERMALLY IMAGEABLE ELEMENT**ABSTRACT

5 Methods of manufacturing multi-layer thermally imageable elements useful
as lithographic printing plate precursors are disclosed. The elements comprise a
substrate, an underlayer, and an imageable layer. The imageable layer
comprises a first polymeric material and o-diazonaphthoquinone containing
material. After the underlayer has been coated over the substrate and the
10 imageable layer has been coated over the underlayer, the element is heated to
between about 130°C and about 200°C for a time sufficient to decrease the
sensitivity of the imageable element to the white light.